

To: All Interested Parties  
From: Brian Larkin – McLaughlin & Associates  
Re: National Survey of Likely Voters – Survey Summary

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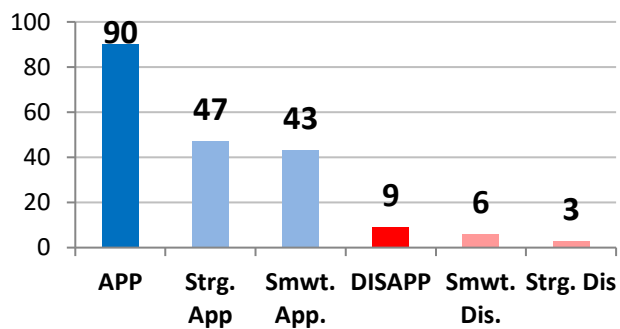
## Survey of Likely Voters on Safety Services

### *Ninety Percent of Likely Voters Support Federal Funding for Violence Prevention Programs and Victim Services*

McLaughlin and Associates conducted a survey of likely voters across the US and found strong majorities support the use of federal funding for violence prevention and victim services. Voters across the political spectrum believe violence prevention and victim services are essential public safety programs and important to protect from federal cuts.

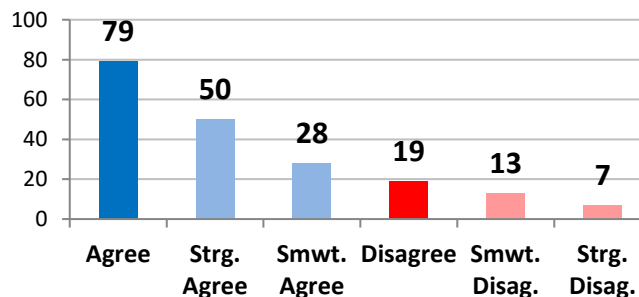
With near unanimity at 90%, likely voters approve of “Federal funding for violence prevention programs and victim services.” These strong ratings run across partisan lines.

#### ***Do you approve or disapprove of federal funding for violence prevention programs and victim services?***



Moreover, nearly eight of ten voters, 79%, agree that “The Trump administration and the Department of Justice should **reinstate funding** for victim services, community violence prevention programs and youth outreach.”

#### ***Agree/Disagree: “The Trump administration and the Department of Justice should reinstate funding for victim services, community violence prevention programs and youth outreach.”***

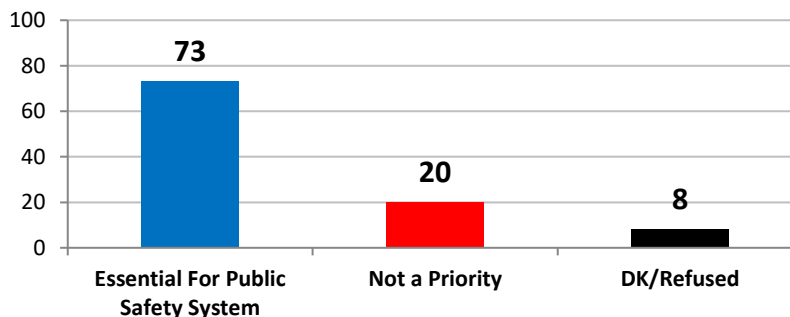


## **Voters Strongly Support Funding for Community Violence Intervention and Youth Services:**

Youth violence prevention programs, law enforcement and community partnerships, and community violence intervention programs all contribute to violence mitigation and safer communities. Likely voters strongly support law enforcement AND other measures to alleviate pressure on police departments by stopping violence before it happens.

- *Voters consider community violence intervention programs that train residents in conflict mediation, peer counseling and community safety essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.*
  - Sixty-seven (67%) percent say these programs essential
  - Sixty-eight (68%) say these programs should be protected from cuts
- *Voters consider youth programs that prevent delinquency and gang activity, and promote schooling, education and job training essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.*
  - Seventy-nine (79%) percent say these programs essential
  - Seventy-five percent (75%) say these programs should be protected from cuts
- Seventy-three percent (73%) agree *“Strong neighborhood programs that can prevent violence, help reduce pressures on law enforcement agencies and reduce crime are essential for a strong public safety system.”*

**Which of the following statements comes closest to your own personal opinion: “Strong neighborhood programs that can prevent violence, help reduce pressures on law enforcement agencies and reduce crime are essential for a strong public safety system,” OR “Strong neighborhood programs that can prevent violence should not be a public safety priority for government investment.”?**

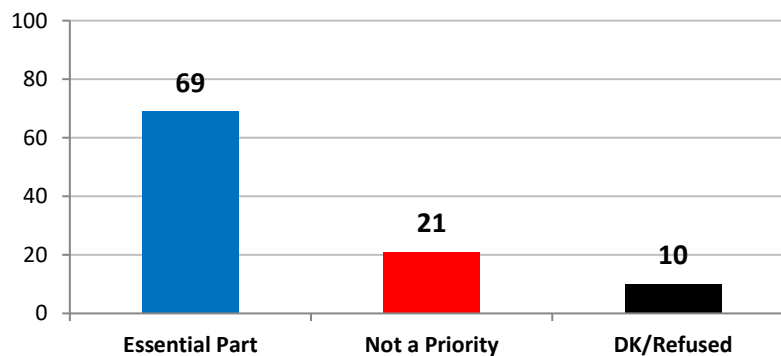


## **Voters Strongly Support Funding for Victim Services, Including Trauma Recovery Centers:**

In the current political environment, where crime has been highlighted by public figures, likely voters show a heightened awareness of its impact on victims and the importance of funding services to help victims recover. Voters believe helping victims recover from trauma, physical injury, and economic loss are an essential component of public safety.

- Voters consider trauma recovery centers for victims of violence, rape, and abuse essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.
  - Eighty percent (80%) percent say trauma recovery centers are essential.
  - Eighty percent (80%) say trauma recovery centers should be protected from cuts.
- Sixty-nine percent (69%) agree “Services for victims of violent crime that help them recover from economic loss, physical injury and trauma are an essential part of crime reduction and public safety programs.”

***Which of the following statements comes closest to your own personal opinion: “Services for victims of violent crime that help them recover from economic loss, physical injury and trauma are an essential part of crime reduction and public safety programs,” OR “Services for victims of violent crime that help them recover from economic loss, physical injury and trauma should not be a public safety priority for government investment.”?***

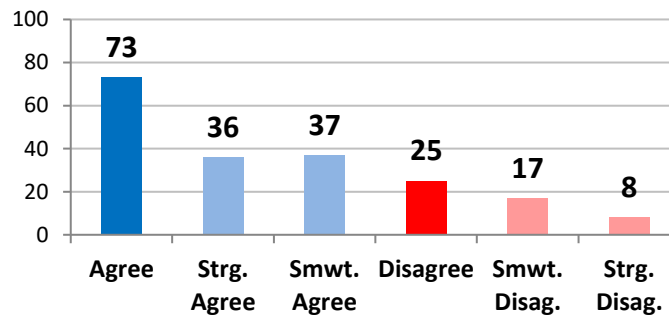


## **Voters Strongly Support Funding for Domestic Violence Victim Services:**

Likely voters strongly agree that victims of domestic violence deserve the utmost support. Preserving funding and services for victims of domestic violence is considered one of the most important goals of the government and private organizations that support these victims.

- Voters consider emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.
  - Eighty percent (80%) say these programs are essential
  - Seventy-nine percent (79%) say these programs should be protected from federal cuts
- Seventy three percent (73%) agree “Cutting funding for victim services will result in the loss of counseling for victims and their families, safe housing for victims of domestic violence, and increase the odds of repeated violence.”

***Agree / Disagree: “Cutting funding for victim services will result in the loss of counseling for victims and their families, safe housing for victims of domestic violence, and increase the odds of repeated violence.”***

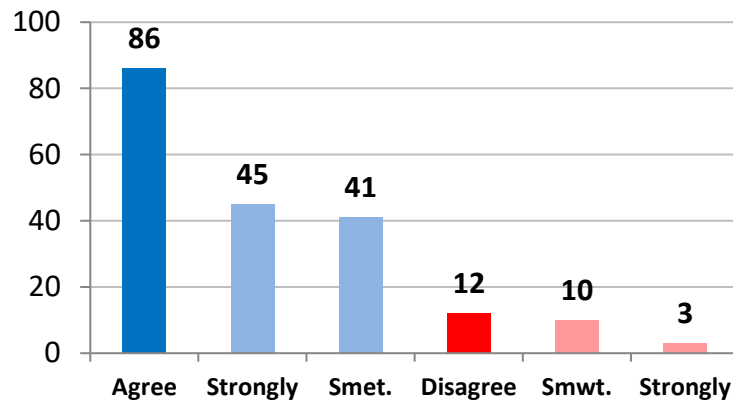


## **Voters Strongly Support Law Enforcement Partnerships with Community Programs:**

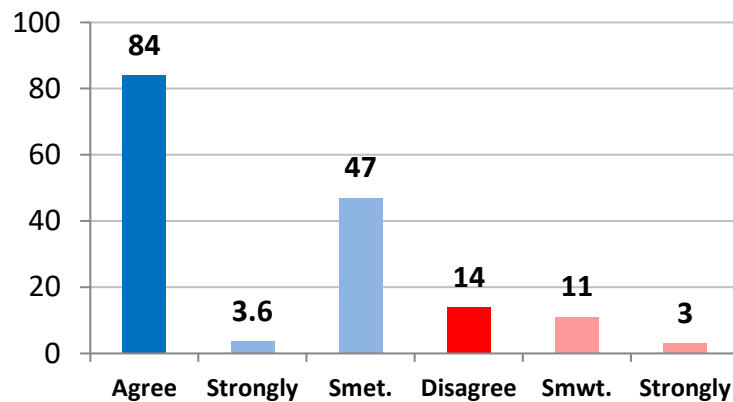
Voters believe that community programs can help law enforcement. Overwhelmed police departments need strong neighborhood programs that can address crises like drug addiction, mental illness and at-risk youth so those issues don't become problems police have to deal with.

- “There is no one size fits all solution to violence and crime. It requires strong neighborhood programs such as community violence prevention programs and victim services, as well as effective law enforcement response.” – 86% agree

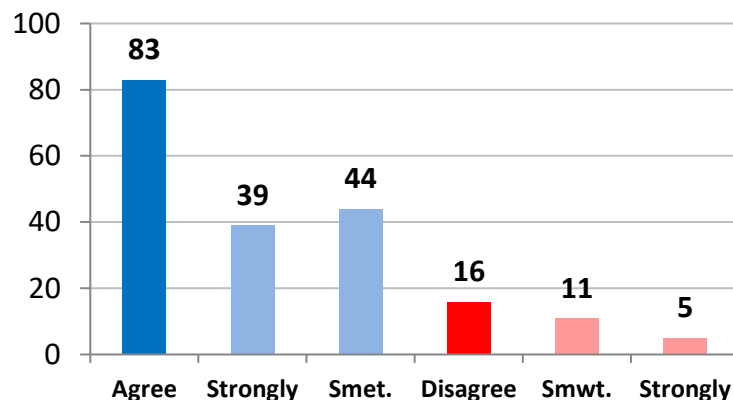
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- “Federal funding for public safety should be used for police and community partnerships that are proven to work, such as community violence prevention programs and trauma recovery services.” – 84% agree



- “Police cannot stop cycles of violence on their own. Neighborhood programs that prevent violence and provide crisis assistance are an important part of crime prevention.” – 83% agree

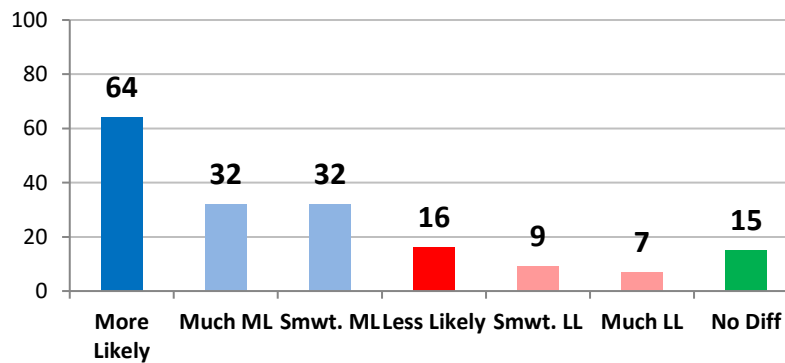


## **Conclusion:**

After being informed about the scale of the April 2025 grant terminations, eight of ten voters, 80%, agreed that the “Trump administration and the Department of Justice should reinstate funding for victim services, community violence prevention programs and youth outreach.”

Additionally, an overwhelming majority of voters, 64% - nearly two thirds - are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports using taxpayers’ money to support policies that reduce crime and support victim services.

**Are you more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports using taxpayers’ money on programs to reduce crime and support victim service programs? If it would make no difference, just say so.**



## **Methodology:**

McLaughlin & Associates conducted a national online survey of 1,000 likely voters from May 5 – 12, 2025, on behalf of the Alliance for Safety and Justice. A personalized text message invitation was sent to each respondent to complete the survey on a secure online platform. Interview selection was random and interviews were stratified by area, race/ethnicity, age, gender and vote history to correlate with actual voter turnout from previous even-year elections. In order to qualify for this survey, respondents had to indicate that they are likely to vote in U.S. Senate and House elections. This survey of 1,000 likely voters has an accuracy of +/- 3.1% at a 95% confidence interval. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations. Totals may not add up to exactly 100% due to rounding errors.